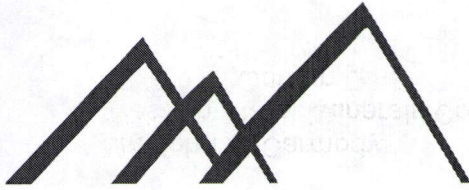


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# Western States Minerals Corp.

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February 7, 2002

Mr. D. Wayne Hedberg  
Permit Supervisor  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

**Re: Request for Release of \$20,000 pledged for closure of the underground openings in the SWEX Pit**

Dear Wayne:

As of February 6, 2002, the closure of the underground openings in the SWEX Pit has been completed by our contractor, Rancho Equipment. The temporary access road, used to reach the affected area has been reclaimed and reseeded. I herein request payment-in-full (\$20,000) which you have pledged for the completion of this task. Please remit your payment to:

Mr. John F. Carmody  
Western States Minerals Corporation  
4975 Van Gordon Street  
Wheat Ridge, Colorado 80033

Thank you for your expeditious handling of this request.

Sincerely,

E. M. (Buzz) Gerick  
Vice President of Operations

Cc: John F. Carmody—WSMC-Wheat Ridge Office

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